GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – All India Services – Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), Director General of Police – Disciplinary proceedings under Rule 8 of the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969 – Articles of charge – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 981 Dated.27.05.2022

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ORDER:

Government have decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), Director General of Police in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 8 of the All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1969.

2. The substance of misconduct or misbehavior, in respect of which the disciplinary action is proposed to be initiated is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charge (Annexure.I). A statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in support of the Articles of Charge, together with the list of documents by which and list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of charge are proposed to be sustained, are also enclosed as Annexure.II, III & IV, respectively.

3. Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), is directed to submit a written statement of his defence and also state whether he desires to be heard in person, within 30 days of receipt of this order.

4. Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), is informed that an inquiry will be held, only in respect of those Articles of Charge which are not admitted and in case if it is considered necessary. The Member of Service should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Articles of Charge.

5. Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), is further informed that if no written statement of defence is filed within the time specified at para-3 above, or if he does not appear in person before the Competent Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 8 of All India Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules 1969 or the orders or directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, action will be taken against him based on the material available on record on the ground that he has no explanation to offer.

6. The attention of Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), is invited to Rule 18 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, according to which no member of Service should bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 18 of All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. SAMEER SHARMA
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS
(through the Director General of Police (HoPF), AP, Mangalagiri)

The Director General of Police (HoPF), A.P., Mangalagiri
(with a request to serve the copy on the MoS and furnish the dated acknowledgment, immediately)

Copy to:
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi.
The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government
The P.S. to Prl.Secretary to Government (Political)
The General Administration (SC.C/SC.E) Department
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**ANNEXURE – I**

(Annexure to G.O. Rt. No.981, General Administration (SC.D) Department, dated 27-05-2022)

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.B. VENKATESWARA RAO. I.P.S. (1989):

ARTICLE OF CHARGE

That, the said Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989) has addressed the media on 21.03.2022 at Vijayawada on the issue of the Pegasus, without previous sanction of the Government.

That, in his application dated 21-03-2022, the MoS has requested the Government to accord permission to address the Press. Without waiting for the permission from the Government, the MoS addressed the Press on 21-03-2022.

The act of the Member of Service is totally unbecoming of a Government servant and amounts to misconduct under Rule 3 of the All India Services (Disciplinary & Appeal) Rules, 1969 for his conduct being in violation of rule 17 of the AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Hence the charge.

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ANNEXURE.II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT / MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.B. VENKATESWARA RAO, IPS (1989).

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Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), has addressed the Press on 21.03.2022 at Vijayawada on the issue of Pegasus. In the said Press Meet, he has stated that in the month of August, 2021, the office of the Director General of Police, A.P. replied to an application under RTI that the DGP Office has never procured such software. In spite of the categorical reply, some of the persons making allegations against him that the DGP Office may not be procured but some other office may be procured it. These allegations are pertaining to the period during which he held the post of Additional DGP, Intelligence i.e., from 2015 to March, 2019. Therefore, he is having the knowledge of what was happened during the period. He stated that neither the Government nor the offices of the DGP, Intelligence, ACB, CID or any other Government Organisation or Private Organisation have purchased or used the said software. This is the assurance given to 5 crore people of State out of his experience and information known to him by virtue of the post held by him during the said period. The public need not worry about their cell phones being tapped, hacked during the said period. That, he is not having information as to what happened after May, 2019. In the month of August, 2021, the DGP office informed that such software was not procured by them. The information as to whether such software was procured by any other Government Organisation after May, 2019 can be obtained from the Government or the Chief Secretary or the Principal Secretary, Home Dept. Government may issue a Statement, keeping in view the anxiety in the minds of the people. He is urging all scholars not to confuse the public with baseless allegations, lies and absurd arguments.

He also stated that he submitted three representations to the Chief Secretary to Government for (1) speedy disposal of the disciplinary cases initiated against him; (2) to take action against the officials responsible for creation of false documents, forged documents to prove his case in the departmental case; and (3) to accord permission to file defamation case against Sakshi paper, Sakshi Channel, Sri Ambati Rambabu, Sri Gudivada Amarnath, Sri Abbaiah Chowdary, Sri Vijayasai Reddy, Pioneer Paper, Swarnandhra (Afternoon) paper publishing from Vijayawada, Great Andhra.com. for making baseless allegations against him, character assassination and mud spraying for last few days.

The Member of Service has contravened the following provisions of the AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968:-

i) Participated in a public media, not on bonafide official duty, without previous sanction of Government, in contravention of Rule 6; and
ii) recoursed to press for the vindication of official act which has been subject matter of adverse criticism or attach of a defamatory character, without obtaining previous sanction of the Government.

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Hence, he contravened the provisions of Rule 17 of the AIS (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

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ANNEXURE.III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.B. VENKATESWARA RAO, IPS (1989) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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1. Representation of Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS(1989), Director General of Police, dated 21-5-2022.

2. Press clippings of Andhra Jyothi and EENADU daily news papers, dated 22.03.2022.

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ANNEXURE.IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.B. VENKATESWARA RAO, IPS (1989) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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